

REGARDING THE ANNIVERSARY
OF CHERRY v. MATHEWS**HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, July 19 is the 25th anniversary of U.S. District Court's landmark decision in the infamous case known as Cherry vs. Mathews. This historic ruling has paved the way and established equal and just civil rights for America's disabled citizens. 25 years ago, disabled Americans did not have access to many federal buildings, schools, public transportation, and voting booths.

An undue burden was placed upon citizens with disabilities, and they were not treated with the respect, courtesy, and equal opportunity that all Americans should be afforded.

Dr. James L. Cherry, a Georgian, led the fight to insure that disabled-citizen rights were acknowledged and protected. Dr. Cherry's suit against the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare brought about not only changes through the courts; it renewed and confirmed our Nation's belief that equal opportunity is a unalienable right for all.

I would like to thank Dr. Cherry for his courage, commitment, and foresight. As we observe the 25th anniversary of Cherry vs. Mathews, we are all reminded that our great nation was built upon a foundation of principles and equality and that has been sustained by the ideals of opportunity and justice.

A TRIBUTE TO GERALD JOSEPH
RENUART, A MAN THAT HAS
GIVEN SO MUCH TO HIS COMMU-
NITY**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Gerald J. Renuart for his tremendous contributions during his lifetime.

Born in Coral Gables, Florida, Jerry received a business degree from the University of Miami and a masters degree from Nova University.

Jerry, a retired Naval officer, held the positions of Town Clerk and Manager in Surfside, Florida for nine years. He then became City Administrator for Lighthouse Point, Florida, a position he successfully held for 23 years. Jerry was past president of the American Society of Public Administrators and Municipal Finance Officers of America, and received a special award from Jimmy Carter for outstanding service to the community and nation. In addition to his outstanding community service, Jerry spent 25 years in the Boy Scouts of America as Scoutmaster for state and national Jamborees, round table commissioner, and district chairman. He was honored with the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor, earlier this year for his dedication to scouting.

Jerry's accomplishments did not end there. He was also a devoted husband of 40 years to the former Maureen Geller and devoted father to his children.

Mr. Speaker, Gerald Renuart devoted his life to serving his community and nation. He

will always be remembered for his service to the community and should be looked at as a role model to our society. As such, Jerry and his family are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. On Friday, July 20, Jerry will be recognized for his lifelong contributions with his interment at Arlington National Cemetery. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in remembering and honoring the life of this remarkable man.

HONORING ELMER JOHNSON FOR
HIS WORK WITH COLORADO
LEADERSHIP**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor and remember Elmer A. Johnson, who gave of himself throughout his life to serve his country and the citizens of Colorado. Elmer, a true patriot, was a man blessed with outstanding business and leadership skills. His presence will surely be missed.

Elmer was a devoted husband and father who was married to his wife, Philomena Mancini, for fifty years until she passed away. He gave his wife, his son, Robert, and his two granddaughters much to be proud of.

In 1941, his patriotism drove him to enlist in the Army Air Forces, where he rose in rank to serve as master sergeant in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II. It was following the war that he began running his father-in-law's printing business and editing a weekly newspaper.

Then, in 1958, he was elected for the first of three times to the Colorado State House. He earned a distinguished reputation with those who knew and worked with him there, including former state Rep. Wayne Knox whom The Denver Post quotes as saying, "He was a very well-respected, reasonable, moderate legislator," and "a nice guy, a very good guy." Elmer had the honor of chairing the House Finance Committee and served on the Joint Budget Committee as well as on the Legislative Council.

His drive to serve others didn't stop there, however. In 1963, he began working as Manager of Revenue and Director of Budget and Management for the City of Denver. He also served on the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League and became president in 1970. Incredibly, he also found time to serve as a board member of the Regional Transportation District, and as a member of the Sons of Norway. In addition, his leadership stretched to serving for a term as the International President of the Municipal Finance Officers of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Speaker, Elmer Johnson was a distinguished veteran, a devoted father and husband, and a selfless leader. Today, I would like to pay him tribute on behalf of Congress for his lifelong dedication and honest leadership to the people of the United States.

RECOGNIZING DR. J.R. TURNER,
TROUP COUNTY, GEORGIA**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, a half-century of being on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is about to come to a close for Dr. J.R. Turner, of Troup County, Georgia. Dr. Turner's resume could boast of 2,500 baby deliveries, never losing a mother, never being sued, and countless house calls.

Raised in Gay, a small community in Meriwether County, Georgia, Dr. Turner grew up on a farm and was destined to go into agriculture, until a discussion with a medical student encouraged him to shift gears and go into medicine, "because he could borrow money for school." Not only were the finances appealing, but he felt being a doctor he could be his own boss, which is something he always wanted to do.

During his junior year in college he enrolled in a Navy program that paid for his tuition, in return for two years of service after completing medical school. Dr. Turner graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1944, and interned at Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta.

The end of medical school saw Dr. Turner serving his time for the Navy, stationed in Guam, and working in a leper colony. He started his private practice in July 1947 in Greenville. During that time he met and married Dorothy Allen; they had 11 children and were married for over 50 years, until her death.

The year 1950 saw the opening of Dr. Turner's LaGrange office, and soon afterwards his purchase of an EKG machine. He took time away from his practice to attend Harvard Medical School for EKG training, and in 1953 studied internal medicine at Grady Hospital in Atlanta.

Dr. Turner served as Chief of Staff at West Georgia Medical Center twice, and has also served on its board of directors. He represented Troup County as a delegate to the Medical Association of Georgia.

His free time from now on will be spent hunting, fishing, and just plain doing nothing. Thank you, Dr. Turner for the countless years of service you have given to the folks of Troup County and surrounding area, and for the thousands of lives you have brought into the world.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO REQUIRE FEDERAL AGENCIES
TO IDENTIFY AND RECOVER ER-
RONEOUS PAYMENTS MADE TO
CONTRACTORS**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Erroneous Payments Recovery Act of 2001." This bill would require Federal departments and agencies to use a process called recovery auditing to identify and recover overpayments made to government contractors.